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CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, April 21.

A junk laden with rice was sailing near the village of Ma Chai in the Shun Tak District, when it was attacked by a gang of well armed robbers. The crew of the junk immediately abandoned her and the pirates made off with the whole of the rice.

A PRUNTLATER KIDNAPING.

In the village of Lin Ping Chow there lives a lady who has become tired of her husband. Thinking his friend a preferable person they made up their minds to elope. To more easily accomplish their purpose the lady disguised herself as a man, and with the object of her affections set out together. Unfortunately they had not gone far when their appearance aroused the suspicion of a constable who stopped their further flight. The forsaken husband, it is stated, has petitioned the magistrate to investigate the case.

FORGED RAILWAY CREDITORS' SHARES.

A certain Chan Yin Man, formerly of Hongkong, forged a number of railway share certificates. A friend was persuaded to buy 700 of these. When the dividends became due he found that the certificates were forgeries and endeavored to find his "friend" who had sold him the shares, but he was not to be found. The matter came into the hands of the police, but for many months no trace of the swindler was to be seen. A few days ago it was reported that the man was living at Teng On Lane, in Canton. The police went to his house to effect his arrest but found that the supposed culprit was not the man they wanted, but his younger brother. He said that his elder brother very seldom came to Canton and that he himself knew nothing of the affair. The young man has been detained under arrest pending judicial examination.

ROBBERY AT FATEHIAN.

A daring case of robbery occurred in an opium shop in Fatehian yesterday. A number of men went into the shop and began to loot the place. The police came to the rescue and the thieves decamped. One, however, was captured and is now awaiting trial.

DOMESTIC ELKS.

A young girl was lately married to a tobaccoist as his second wife. Not liking her husband, who is somewhat old and whose temper is none of the best, the girl determined to go away and seek her living elsewhere. She ran away and a little later her mother came to the tobacco shop to demand her daughter. The case was reported to the police, but they have ordered the mother to produce the girl in court for examination within a certain time, as they have an idea that the old lady knows more than anyone else of her daughter's whereabouts.

Shakespeare lovers received with delight the announcement made by the Lord Mayor at the Shakespeare Memorial Committee's meeting at the Guildhall that an anonymous donor had promised through the Hon. Mrs. Alfred Lyttelton, the magnificent donation of £70,000. In the opinion of the committee, and the Lord Mayor, proposing the adoption of the report, £500,000 was necessary to establish an adequate memorial to the immortal poet. The memorial, the committee's report states, should take the form of a national Shakespeare theatre, whose object, besides keeping in its repertory the plays of Shakespeare and other classics, should produce new plays, translations of foreign plays, ancient and modern, and stimulate the art of acting. The £500,000 should be expended, £100,000 in buying a site, £100,000 in building, £100,000 in staging and scenery, and the remainder to provide an endowment fund.

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GEO. P. LAMMERT AUCTIONEER PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

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MONDAY,
 the 24th April, 1909, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at No. 10, KENNEDY ROAD,—
 A QUANTITY OF
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
 Comprising:—
 Tapestry and Plush Covered Drawing Room Suite, Silk Embroidered Screens, Marble-Top Chiffonier, Engravings, Teak Overmantels, Water Colours, Lace Curtains, Carpets, &c., &c.
 Extension Dining Table, Sideboard with Bevelled Mirror, Dinner Wagon, American-Made Armchair, Silver Cabinet, &c., &c.
 Wardrobe with Glass Door, Marble-Top Washstand, Tall Table with Bevelled Mirror, Writing Table, &c., &c.
 Terms:—Cash on delivery.
 On View from Saturday, the 24th April, 1909.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on
TUESDAY,
 the 27th April, 1909, commencing at 2.45 P.M., at No. 1, SALISBURY AVENUE, Kowloon,—
 A QUANTITY OF
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
 (Particulars from Catalogue).
 On View from Monday, the 26th April, 1909.
 Terms:—Cash on delivery.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
WEDNESDAY,
 the 28th April, 1909, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at No. 7, PEDDAR'S HILL,—
 A QUANTITY OF
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shoot, and to give the truth. We account it without question that gunning would speak the truth. Hongkong can hardly be called an ideal place in which to learn to ride, but there are excellent opportunities for learning to shoot. I am only a press the hope that the younger section of the community, realising their duty towards the Empire will take advantage of the very liberal provision made by the Government for the Volunteers and will show their appreciation of this, and a proper sense of duty by all going through an efficient course of training in the ranks of the Volunteer force, so that should it unhappily occur their services were ever required they could feel they were prepared at a moment's notice to serve their country as all men should be. I have just in the notice that to-day, 23rd April, is the name day of my patron Saint, Saint George of England. It is possible that there are some present here to whom the name of Saint David or Saint Patrick or even that of Saint Andrew may appeal with greater force, but speaking as a representative of the Senior Partner it appears to me that the remarks I have just made should have special significance through being made on such a date for I would remind you Saint George has for many years been accepted as the Patron Saint of soldiers; as the embodiment of heroic patriotism.

ACCOUNTS.
 Turning to the accounts, the financial position of the Chamber can hardly be considered satisfactory as for the past two years our expenditure has very considerably exceeded our revenue. The matter is receiving our careful consideration and we trust that by adopting certain changes in the working of the office to considerably reduce our expenditure. It is more than probable however that at the end of the current year the committee will find it advisable to recommend to the Chamber to raise the subscription which was reduced in 1897. Several changes have, as you know, taken place during the year, in our committee. We have to regret the untimely death of our colleague Mr. Broderson and the return home after many years service of our old friend Mr. S. G. Mr. A. G. Wood who has also served for a considerable time in our committee has resigned on his leaving the East, as has also Mr. H. Kewick, and Mr. Friesland. To all these gentlemen the Chamber is much indebted for good work done in the interests of the Colony. With these few remarks I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts. (Applause).
 Mr. H. P. White—I beg to second the motion, and in doing so I desire to congratulate the committee on the work done during the past year, and on their efforts in safeguarding the commercial and shipping interests of the Colony.
 The motion was carried unanimously.

NEW COMMITTEE.
 The committee were elected as follows on the motion of Mr. E. G. Barrett seconded by Mr. C. H. Ross.—Hon. Mr. A. E. Hewett, Mr. J. R. M. Smith, Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson, Messrs A. Robinson, J. W. C. Gresson, J. Bandow, D. R. Law, H. A. Siebe, E. Shellin and H. E. Tomkins.
NEW MEMBERS.
 On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Low it was agreed that the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., of London, and Mr. F. P. Tait be elected members of the Chamber.
 The Chairman—Thank you, gentlemen. That is all the business of the meeting; I am much obliged for your attendance.

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BIRTH.

FIGARD-DISTELMAN, On April 20th,

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MEMOS FOR MONDAY.

Auction.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, &c., at No. 10, Kennedy Road.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

Tuesday, April 27—

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, at No. 1, Salisbury Avenue, Kow-

loon.

9.15 p.m.—Concert of H.K. Philharmonic

Society at City Hall.

Wednesday, April 28—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, at No. 7, Peddar Street.

Goods per Siberia undelivered at Noon

on this date subject to rent.

Goods per Duffin undelivered after

this date subject to rent.

Friday, April 30—

2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's

Justices of the Peace at the Magistracy.

Saturday, May 1—

9.15 p.m.—Library Concert at City Hall.

Friday, May 7—

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Union Insurance

Society of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.

12.45 p.m.—Meeting of China Traders'

Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1909.

HONGKONG AND ITS SHIPPING

The common weal of Hongkong is well

served by its semi-public organisations,

politically by the China Association

commercially by the General Chamber

of Commerce. The men who labour on

their respective Committees are actuated

by a high sense of public duty and they

display their zeal for the public service

in the manner in which they approach

every question which they take up,

private feelings being always subor-

dinated to the general good. It is a

characteristic, of course, to be found

elsewhere than in Hongkong, for happi-

ly it is a characteristic of the race, and

explains perhaps better than anything

else the position which the British

empire holds to-day. Nevertheless

Hongkong is fortunate in having such

representative men as she has to-day

voice public opinion, to advise the Gov-

ernment, and to influence the course of

current affairs. The pity is that their

advice is not more frequently followed

by those to whom the governing of

the Colony is entrusted. The Hon

Mr E. A. Hewitt, the Chairman of the

General Committee of the Hongkong

General Chamber of Commerce, in his

address delivered on Friday at the annual

general meeting, emphasised one or two

points in which the Colonial Govern-

ment have shown a 'sad lack of in-

sight' in the matter of raising revenue.

It goes without saying at this late hour

of the day that the prosperity of Hong-

kong is bound up in its shipping, and

no public writer, in our opinion, is

exaggerating when he adopts the

language of a letter of protest des-

patched last April to the Government

wherein the shipping industry is de-

scribed as "the mainstay and livelihood

of the whole Colony." His Excellency

the Governor evidently is not quite o-

that way of thinking for in a memoran-

dum which he wrote for the information

of the Chamber he declared that "our

geographical position is equally advan-

tageous to us as an industrial centre, as

it is as a port of call," and the argument

which he used in support of his conten-

tion that the increase of dues on shipping

was justified by the circumstances of the

time was that "the inducement of

ships to come to this port is not

that they have nothing to pay, but

in order to earn freights and propor-

tionately as Hongkong becomes an

industrial centre her shipping will

increase." But it will be long years we

face before this transformation of a mere

trading depot and port of call into an in-

dustrial centre appears in any consider-

able degree. Meanwhile Mr Hewitt, as

a practical man of affairs whose business

is entirely with shipping, points out to

the public and incidentally of course to

the official bureaucrats who are inclined

to treat shipping as a convenient milch

cow from which to supply the deficiencies

of local revenue, that the signs of the

times all tend to demonstrate that Hong-

kong does not occupy the commanding

position to-day in the shipping world

that she once did. To quote Mr Hewitt,

"It is within the memory of many of

us, when practically the whole of the

Far Eastern trade centred in some three

ports in Japan, three in China, and in

Hongkong, ocean-going steamers rarely

calling at other ports. The consequence

was that an enormous trade centred in

these ports, collected by coasting vessels

which acted as feeders to the ocean

lines. This tendency for concentration

is, however, largely disappearing. Of

late years shipowners have shown an

increasing readiness to send their ocean

steamers to other ports, and this is,

year by year, becoming more marked.

Owners are now loading steamers direct

for Europe or America at ports whose

names were hardly known to the outside

world a few years ago, or, which then

did not even exist; and with the in-

creased facilities for direct trade, which

the development of railways in China

and other improvements which are con-

stantly offering, this tendency to decen-

tralization must increase. The move-

ment cannot but be encouraged if the

Government of Hongkong persists in

what I cannot but describe as a suicidal

policy of increasing the taxes on ship-

ping when they should, on the other

hand, be doing all in their power to

attract shipping to the port instead of

driving it away."

We hope these weighty words of

warning will not fall on deaf ears, but

that we shall see an immediate change

in the Government's policy in regard to

shipping is not probable. Easement of

its burdens, not increase is essential in

the vital interests of the Colony. Times

change and we should change with them,

but unless we adapt ourselves to meeting

the changed conditions with policies

that project a little farther than the

needs of the immediate hour then we

must be prepared to see the trade of the

world pass by our port leaving us for

other and more convenient places

brought into existence by the inexor-

able working of the economic laws which

have governed the shipping industry

from the days of Tyre and Sidon down-

wards.

A CHARGE OF KIDNAPPING.

Three bright little Chinese children, all

about five years of age, sat on the steps

outside the Court at the Magistracy to-day.

They played with one another and were

overjoyed when they were given sweet-

meats by the police to keep them in good

temper. The picture of happiness, say-

ing who occasionally whimpered, they

looked the opposite of kidnapped children,

but this is what they were.

They had been brought down from Shang-

hai in charge of a woman, who, on her

arrival here by the s.s. Chusan, was arrest-

ed. The suspicions of the crew were first

aroused when the steamer had been out at

sea one day. They heard the little ones

begging for tea and water, but as they

were from the North and the woman a

Cantonese, the latter could not understand

them. The captain was informed of the

case, and he could get no satisfactory ex-

planation from the woman.

At the Magistracy to-day the woman

was charged with kidnapping the children.

Evidence was given by Capt. Brown, the

master of the steamer, and the case was

remanded for a week.

It is stated that two of the little ones are

children of prominent Chinese in Shanghai.

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COMPANY MEETING.

The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.

The twentieth ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., was held at the company's offices, St. George's Building, at noon, to-day.

Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar presided and there were present Mr. E. G. Barrett, director; Messrs J. Owen Hughes, R. R. Roberts, W. Terry, G. O. B. Sayer, L. E. O'Brien, Leung Yan Po, Dr. J. W. Noble, Carmichael Professor Baptista, Tse Hing Hing, Leung Wing Sang and Mr. W. H. Wickham, manager.

Mr. W. H. Wickham, manager, read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some days, I propose, with your permission, to take them as read.

Your directors have pleasure in submitting these accounts, showing as they do, the results of a successful year's working. The balance at the credit of working account, amounts to \$153,381.49 as compared with \$156,699.32, the result of the previous year's working.

At the first view this would seem to point to a retrograde movement in the income of the company, but such can hardly be considered to be the case when the facts are examined. It will be in the recollection of shareholders that the company reduced their scale of charges for electric power at the commencement of the year under review, entailing an immediate loss of some 15 per cent. in the revenue derived from this service. You will also notice that the amount charged for agency and office expenses has this year been increased to \$8,000 from the figure of \$6,000 at which it has stood since the company's year ending 30th April 1903.

Your board has sanctioned this increase on account of the considerable extensions in the company's operations that have taken place in the meantime. When I mention that in the interval of six years an amount of \$1,000,000 has been expended on the collection have nearly trebled, you will realize that this entails a larger expenditure both for clerical assistance and for staff, and I trust this increased remuneration to the Agents will meet with the approval of shareholders.

Turning to the balance at the credit, including the amount brought forward from last year, amounts to \$151,702.92. After deducting \$4,000 for directors' fees, a sum of \$153,702.92 remains available for appropriation, which your directors propose to deal with as follows:—To pay a dividend of 10 per cent. on the \$1,000,000, to pay a bonus of 2 per cent. on the \$1,000,000, to write off plant account for depreciation, \$86,382.10, to write off property account for depreciation, \$4,000, to carry forward to next account \$11,043.99; to pay a bonus to staff \$5,195.48; making a total of \$158,702.92. I trust this proposal will have your sanction and approval, following out as it does the policy of your board to have the company's accounts for many years past and to which the continued prosperity and progress of the company and the maintenance of the dividend to shareholders may be largely attributed.

The success of the new Diesel engine plant renders essential to write off a substantial amount from the value of the older steam plant and the changes and alterations we propose making in the near future in the station buildings renders it equally necessary to write down buildings and property. Some share-holders may have noticed the omission from the report of the usual statement of the equivalent number of lamps, &c., connected to the company's system. This arises, not from any desire to withhold information on the point, but because, owing to recent changes and amongst them, the introduction of metallic filament lamps, it is impossible to say with any approach to accuracy what is the equivalent number of lamps connected.

For the information of shareholders I may say that the rate of increase in the amount of electric power consumed has been a distinct advance over that of the previous year, and this extended use may no doubt be attributed in some part to the reduction in charges before mentioned. As regards the prospect for the present year, the extended use of the most economical metallic filament lamps may for a time result in a decreased consumption of electric current but I trust that any falling off in this respect will be more than compensated by the connection of new consumers who may be expected to be attracted by the lessened cost of electric lighting. The number of electric lights and lamps connected remains the same as last year, viz., 24 and 85 respectively. The erection and adjustment of the two Diesel alternator sets, in progress at the date of our last annual general meeting, was subject to various delays so that the sets were not brought into regular working until July last. With the exception of minor troubles, which have been or are in process of rectification, the sets have given satisfactory service and have been in full cost reduction from their use has justified their adoption. Your board has therefore sanctioned negotiations for the purchase of a third set of similar power and trust if all goes well that this set may be in course of erection some time next year. In order to provide room for the set we hope to dispose of two of the old steam sets and it is intended during the coming winter to complete the reconstruction of the engine room, partially carried out in 1907. The completion of this work has had to be delayed until after the erection and bringing into service of a new switchboard which may be expected to be delivered shortly. During the last winter cables have been laid, extending the company's distribution system as far as West Point, where we hope to get a number of new consumers amongst the Chinese. This extension, now being connected up, displaces a portion of the old overhead distribution, and further extensions of a like nature are in contemplation to be carried out during the coming winter. Gentlemen, all these alterations and extensions, which are advisable in order to maintain the efficiency of the company's service, will of course entail a considerable amount of expenditure on capital account. Fortunately it has not been necessary so far to call for fresh capital and we rely on your directors doing everything in their power to postpone increasing the capital of the company for as long as possible.

There being no questions the chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Dr. J. W. Noble seconded and the motion was carried.

On the motion of Mr. G. O. B. Sayer seconded by Mr. Roberts, Messrs J. W. C. Bonnar and E. G. Barrett were re-elected directors.

The appointment of the Hon. Mr. W. J. Green to the board of directors was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Hughes seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

The first meeting of the season in connection with the Hongkong Gymkhana Club was held at Happy Valley this afternoon.

The weather was somewhat dull and there was a fair attendance which was considerably augmented as the afternoon wore on.

The results of the racing will appear on Monday.

ANOTHER CIRCUS COMING.

Jackson's Hippodrome, Circus and Menagerie, which has been under the distinguished patronage of Sir Arthur Young, of Singapore, Brigadier General Wallace, Jebbulpore, the Countess of Minto, Calcutta, is due to arrive, here from Saigon, by the French Mail Oceanic. The circus, which will open on Wednesday evening, will be located at Causeway Bay, and attached to the circus is Herr Lehmann's Orchestra which is much superior to the ordinary run of such orchestras. Mr. F. Jones will introduce two performing elephants and will achieve various feats; six charming ladies will perform equestrian evolutions; Mr. S. O. Abell with his Equine Midget Marvel, which can run, jump and dance to any music; comic juggling by "Lo Diao"; vaulting by Dick Beale; musical melange by Miss Ashby; acrobatic dance by the Sisters Elliot; and a variety of other attractions.

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RAMBLING NOTES.

I am told the speculators, who induced the Viceroy of Canton to open Hong-kow as a free port are San Francisco capitalists. The Chairman as a rule is a shrewd and far-seeing individual who is very careful in the spending of his dollars, so I suppose there is more in the desolate and dunes and shallow tidal flats that mark the site of Hong-kow than meets the eye. It is to be solely a menace to Muen, that universal relic of neglected opportunities? Or does Hong-kow intend to suck the life blood of Hongkong too?

Of course everything must have a beginning. London once was but a bare hill looking down on the marshes and shallows of the silver Thames, while it is not so many years since the pirate infested rock of Hongkong changed into a British Colony invested with sugar, redanias, tramways and shipping offices.

Comparisons, I know, are "odorous," still I can't help thinking that there is more behind last Thursday's ceremony than at present vot of. Some of my Chinese friends who were present say that Hong-kow is foredoomed to enter upon a great destiny for did not the rain pour in torrents during the whole time the "great man" from Canton was invoking the blessings of the tutelary deity, and did not many of the guests soaked to the skin consequence I could not help thinking, as I listened to their tales, of that fabulous rain of gold which Jupiter once sent down to bewilder poor, beautiful, hesitating Danie. She thought she was in luck's way, dear girl—all the reckoning came a few months later. My friends thought that Hong-kow was in luck in having the rain on its opening day, but, oh my, won't they be sorry for the colds they've caught.

The weather is rather fickle these days. On Monday I met Jorkins clad in summer raiment and talking jocosely of the bathing parties he is organizing. Two days later I found him in dark clothes again and declining a ferry ride across the harbour because the waves were choppy and the wind blew cold. But summer is not far off, all the same. Though we are practically perched on the verge of the tropics, we are quite capable of experiencing in Hongkong during this bonnie month "the uncertain glories of an April day."

Which reminds me that Friday, St. George's Day, passed unobserved by Englishmen in Hongkong. Was he so poor a soul that there was none in this British Colony who would do him reverence? It would seem so. I know that there is a doubt in some minds as to the good man's identity; the omnivorous Gibbon having declared in his wonderful history that St. George at one period of his career was an army-constructor of very dubious character. But later researches show that Gibbon did not know everything, as he fondly believed the head, and that the man whom Edward I chose to figure as the patron saint of the English crusaders was really a most estimable Bishop in Asia Minor, a fighter perhaps more than saint, for the times demanded that of its bishops, but still one who was worthy of the regard of God-fearing men.

April 23rd is also the birth and death day of William Shakespeare, the greatest literary genius of the race. So if we do not care to honour St. George and wear the robes of England in our button-holes, we can surely drink, in silence, to the pious memory of the greatest of all the Elizabethan dramatists.

The folk who lived in Shakespeare's day—and saw that gentle figure pass by London Bridge, his frequent way? They little knew what man he was!

Yet 'twas the King of England's Kings! The rest with all their pomp and trains Are mouldered, half-remembered things—'Tis he alone that lives and reigns.

Extraordinary situations call for unusual treatment, and so I have read with interest a rumour to the effect that at Home in order to cope with the activities of the suffragettes the Government is contemplating enacting a force of policemen to protect "the House." There is no doubt that the ordinary policeman is tremendously handicapped in dealing with these female harridins, who use finger-nails, teeth, hairpins, and iron plated boots.

Apart from a man's natural repugnance to using force against a woman, the sentiment of the crowd would be against any constable who was rough in his handling. With lady policemen, however, who use finger-nails, teeth, hairpins, and iron plated boots, would not the eyes of a constable of her own sex, or who slashed her across the face with a riding whip, would find that two could play at that game. As to whether a couple of hundred this-bodied policemen guarding the House of Parliament would be abhorred by a mob of suffragettes, would maintain better order than an Army of men is a questionable point. One must assume that the "Police-women" would be all loyal anti-suffragettes. And thoughts of a really deadly conflict between two bands of excited, determined females make me a mere man, shudder.

Mention of the Suffragette agitation recalls a little speech which Sir Edward Clarke made in opposing the granting of the vote to the fair ones recently. He said: "Women's politics are largely of the personal kind, and I think this is a bad thing. Consider the honourable member for Farnham, would-be an irresistible candidate. Women always say of a man that he is either 'a dear' or 'a wretch,' and 'the dear' would always get the vote. Yes, I shouldn't be surprised if it turned out like that."

A witness in an assault case in a country town, says the *Oleto*, told the magistrate that when he went into the house he found three of the children holding their father down while their mother lacerated him. Take it for all in all, there is nothing like our simple, quiet, English home life.

RAMBLING.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt presided over the annual meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce held at the City Hall on Friday evening. Those present were—Messrs D. R. Law, A. B. Babinington, J. W. C. Bonnar, J. W. Babinington, H. A. Siebe, E. Shellin, H. E. Tomkins, committee: A. S. D. Conneland, C. Woldering, F. Pagett, H. H. P. White, C. G. Gok, J. Owen Hughes, C. H. Ross, S. D. Setna, E. G. Barrett, F. C. Mow Fung, V. Bosch, W. S. Bailey, S. Silverstone, C. S. Gubbay and S. H. Michael and Mr. E. A. M. Williams, secretary.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

TYPHOON SHALLOWS.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report and accounts having been in your hands for some days, we will, with your permission, take them as read. As you will have observed from the published correspondence now before you, the Committee have had an unusually busy year, having been called upon to consider and deal with a large number of important questions. I will now refer to those which appear to deserve special mention, as briefly as possible. For a considerable number of years this Chamber has urged upon the Government the need for increased protection for small craft in the harbour, the Causeway Bay shelter having for some time past proved inadequate for the purpose. The question has again been brought prominently forward and considerable discussion on the subject has taken place during the past twelve months. As you will remember at the time of the typhoon of 18th September, 1906, which resulted in such heavy loss to the small craft in the harbour, Mr. E. Sir M. Nathan promised that any funds raised by public subscription in the Colony for the relief of the sufferers from the storm would be donated by the Government. So generously, however, was our appeal for aid responded to by all nationalities trading here, that the subscription not only fully met all claims upon it, but had left a surplus of \$280,000, which was handed to the Government to be used, so far as the fund would last, for the relief of sufferers under similar catastrophes. The Colony's subscription therefore not having been drawn upon, the relief committee suggested that the Government contribution, which otherwise would have been devoted to the typhoon fund should be used as a nucleus towards the construction of a new typhoon refuge for small craft. The sum to which the Colony was pledged by Sir M. Nathan was \$250,000. The question has now been raised before many years ago past this refuge, so urgently needed in the general welfare of the Colony, will be an accomplished fact. The question of the cost however, and the means by which the necessary funds were to be raised have led to considerable discussion with the Government. The original estimate was about \$600,000. Each succeeding calculation increased this sum until this was nearly trebled; the latest figure being considerably over 10 million dollars. In order to raise this sum the Government proposed to pay half out of current revenue, and the other half by a special tax on shipping. The reasons for this proposal are fully set forth by His Excellency the Governor in a very lucid memorandum, dated 8th May, 1908, which is included in our report. I need hardly say that the arguments put forward in this memorandum do not, by any means, meet with the support of the shipping community, and the memorandum from their representatives enclosed with a letter to this Chamber, dated 23rd June last, appears to show very clearly that His Excellency's reasons are fallacious and if acted upon are directly opposed to the real interests of the Colony. It is, in our opinion, a very great mistake were the Government to look upon shipping as the much cow which is to supply so much of the loss of revenue experienced in other directions, and to furnish funds for great public works which are required in the interests of the Colony as a whole, and not in that of the shipping only, but this in unfortunately a fear which we have entertained since the recent action of the Government.

It is quite true that when a typhoon approaches the Colony considerable damage is consequently pecuniary loss, is incurred by such shipping as happens to be in port at the moment but it has apparently been entirely overlooked that the bulk of the small craft is not directly employed by the shipping companies, but is engaged by the owners, and more largely by merchants, property owners, and the usual classes of wholesalers and retail dealers which go to form the bulk of the business section of the Colony. This, I think, can be demonstrated by any one who cares to go down the wharves, on an average working day, and make enquiry as to the purposes for which each junk and native boat on the water (frontage is being used, and by whom engaged. It will be found that a very small proportion only is engaged by shipping firms. 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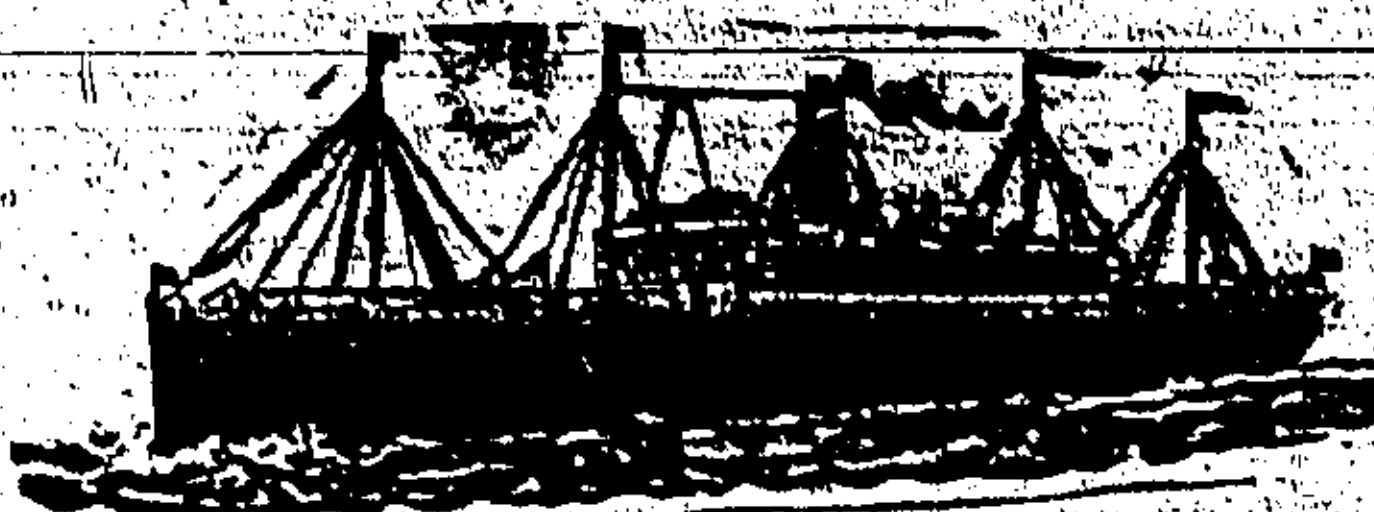
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THE ANGLO-JAPANESE EXHIBITION.

Sir G. Parker, in the House of Commons, asked the President of the Board of Trade whether an Anglo-Japanese Exhibition had been arranged, with the approval of the British Government, to be held in London next year; and, if so, whether the Government intended to make any grant for the purpose, or had offered any particular facilities to the promoters of the exhibition.

Mr. Tennant, Parliamentary Secretary, replying, said:—His Majesty's Government have been informed that it is proposed to hold an exhibition of the nature referred to which cannot fail to evoke the sympathy of this country. (Cheers.) The answer to the last part of the question is in the negative.

In connection with the Japan Sugar Company scandal (twelve members of Parliament have been arrested up to date).

Appropos of the religious revival in Wales, a reporter of the Daily Mail, in a column, was sent to a Welsh town to get the story of a woman, a Quaker who had been greatly talked about. The reporter attended one of her meetings and occupied a front seat. When those who wished to be saved were asked to arise, he kept his seat and took his notebook. The woman approached, and, taking him by the hand, said: "Come to Jesus." "Madam," said the newspaper man, "I'm here solely on business to report your work." "Brother," said she, "there is no business so important as God's." "Well, may be not," said the reporter, "but you don't know Lord Northcliffe."

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